#### **RESPONSIBILITIES**

You also have the responsibility to (unless you are exempt or temporarily exluded):

Cooperate with the Missouri Work Assistance (MWA) program

Complete an employment plan with your MWA case manager

Attend orientations and meetings

Participate in work activities the required number of hours

Return the required documentation for the work activity(ies) and return to the MWA case manager within one (1) week of completing the activity.



### FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH TA RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES

Failure (without good cause) to participate with TA work requirements, meet the conditions outlined in your Individual Employment Plan (IEP), or missing scheduled appointments with your MWA case manager could result in a 25% reduction in your TA grant

Failure to provide required documentation to determine or update your TA case could result in the case being closed

For additional information on Temporary Assistance:

http://www.dss.mo.gov/fsd/tempa.htm



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## Missouri Temporary Assistance (TA)

# Rights & Responsibilities



#### **ELIGIBILITY**

#### Eligibility for TA:

- ✓ You have child(ren) under age 18, or
- ✓ You have child(ren) under age 19
  who are in school and expected to
  graduate, or
- ✓ You are the parent/caretaker of eligible child(ren) in the home in some cases

#### **AND**

✓ Eligible child(ren) are in need because of insufficient resources

#### **AND**

✓ You have under \$1,000 in resources

#### **AND**

✓ You are not a fleeing felon or in violation of parole or probation

#### **AND**

✓ You have not been convicted after August 22, 1996 in Federal or State court of a felony or any crime related to illegal possession, use, or distribution of a controlled substance

#### **AND**

✓ You assign your rights for child support to FSD

#### AND

✓ You attempt to support or help support the eligible child(ren) by accepting employment when offered

#### **RIGHTS**

You have a right to:

Request a hearing in writing if:

- You were denied benefits and you believe you should have been approved.
- ✓ Your benefits are reduced or will be reduced due to nonparticipation with child support or work activities.

Be excused from certain work activity requirements if one or more of the following apply to you <u>and</u> prevent you from participating:

- ✓ Are a victim of domestic violence
- √ Have no transportation
- ✓ Have no childcare
- ✓ Are temporarily disabled
- ✓ In third trimester of pregnancy
- ✓ Have an active case with Children's Division

Be exempt from certain work activity requirements if one or more of the following apply to you:

- ✓ Over age 60
- ✓ Single-parent with a child under 12 months
- ✓ Needed in the home to care for a disabled family member



#### RESPONSIBILITIES

You have the responsibility to:

Provide proof of statements with required signatures

Tell the truth at all times

Provide proof you or anyone in your household applying for benefits are US citizens or eligible immigrants

Report certain changes about you <u>and</u> other household members in your TA case including:

- ✓ Income, including lump sum payments
- ✓ Work hours
- ✓ Job(s)
- ✓ Address
- √ Phone number(s)
- ✓ Family members living in the home, including birth of a child
- ✓ Child(ren) school status
- ✓ Any other information

Cooperate with Child Support Enforcement (CSE) to determine the father of your child(ren) and help get a court order for child support

Notify your FSD Eligibility Specialist if you want to get child support instead of TA benefits (as the state will keep child support while you are on TA)